केवल आवश्यकता पड़ने पर ही और आयात किया जाएगा । अब तक आयात की गई मात्रा बहुत कम है तथा तरल दूध के पुर्नसम्मिश्रण के लिए इसे सहकारी समितियों को उपलब्ध कराया गया है ।

Identification, Modernisation and Extension of Irrigation Projects

2763. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the irrigation projects in Orissa and other States identified for renovation, extension and modernisation during the 7th and 8th plan ;

(b) how far these programmes have been implemented ;

(c) whether it is a fact that there have been serious irregularities in the implementation of the irrigation projects ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure proper implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) 95 Extension/Renovation/Modernisation (ERM) Projects have spilled over into VIIIth Plan. Out of these, one project is in Orissa which was taken up in VIth Plan. The State Government has identified 15 ERM Projects for the VIIIth Plan which includes the Project on-going from VIth Plan. All of these, excepting one are scheduled for completion in VIIIth Plan.

(c) to (e) Irrigation is a State subject and as per present policy these are planned, executed and funded by the States out of their own resources.

Loss due to Natural Calamities in Orissa

2764. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on the total loss suffered by the State of Orissa during the current year due to natural calamities like drought, flood etc ;

(b) if so, till which month the assessment has been made and the details thereof ;

(c) to what extent the central Government has helped the State Government of Orissa to meet the challenges ; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) On the basis of assessment made by the Government of Orissa as on 17th October, 1994, floods during the current south-west monsoon affected a population of 51.71 lakhs in 14197 villages of 25 districts. The floods also claimed 88 human lives and damaged 10735 houses in various parts of the State.

(c) and (d) Under the existing scheme, the State Government undertakes relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities using the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund. The entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for the year 1994-95 amounting to Rs. 29.78 crores has been released to the Government of Orissa.

Inclusion of Representatives from Tamil Nadu in Task Forces and Expert Committee

2765. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to include the representatives from Tamil Nadu in all Task Forces and Expert Committee to be formed by his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers and bidi tobacco growers have been requesting his Ministry to form an Expert Committee to Study and assess the long term impact of anti tobacco legislation ; and

(c) when Government will take steps to examine such aspects of the farmers' problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) There are representations both from tobacco growers' and tobacco industry including bidi tobacco growers' against the proposed legislation of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to ban advertisement of tobacco and tobacco products and requests for setting up an Except Committee to study the impact of legislation on tobacco farmers. At present, no such Expert Committee/Task Force is being set-up by this Ministry. Ministry is advising farmers for deversification and switch over to other crops.

Export of Food Items

2766. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of rice, dal and sugar produced during the last three years ; and

(b) what are the food items exported during this period and what amount of money was spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The production of rice, dal and sugar

during the last three years was as under :—

Year	Rice	Dal	Sugar (October—September)
1991-92 . .	74.68	12.02	13.41
1992-93 . .	72.61	13.60	10.61
1993-94(Provisional)	79.01	14.21	9.81

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Subsidy Provided to FCI

2767. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy provided to the Food Corporation of India on food items has been increased during 1994-95 in comparison to the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase made therein and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the per quintal economic cost of wheat, rice and sugar evaluated by the Food Corporation of India during the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Food subsidy provided/released to the Food Corporation of India during the last four years was as follows:—

Year	Rs. Crores
1991-92	2850
1992-93	2785
1993-94	5537
1994-95(BE)	4000

Increase in subsidy is mainly attributable to increase in the procurement cost of grains, delayed and partial passing on of the increased costs to Public Distribution System consumers, increase in interest charges, increase in freight charges and some arreas of subsidy for previous years.

(c) The required information is as follows:—

(Rate Rs. per qtl.)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Levy Sugar
1990-91 . .	356.50	457.52	640.76
1991-92 . .	390.79	497.04	695.65
1992-93 . .	504.10	585.07	763.88
1993-94 . .	532.03	665.10	864.12
1994-95 (BE) .	571.71	701.91	903.49 (RE)

Import of Sugar

2768. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is total quantity and value of sugar imported both by private sector and public sector undertakings, after Government decided to import sugar;

(b) the names of private dealers who imported the sugar, the quantity and value imported by them, and the country from where they have imported;

(c) whether it is a fact that the foreign suppliers hiked the price of sugar immediately after the Central Government decided to import sugar;

(d) whether Government have contacted respective Indian Embassies to find out whether prices of sugar in respective countries in their domestic markets has also gone up during the period; and

(e) if not, whether Government propose to consider getting reports about the prevailing sugar prices during the relevant period from Indian Embassies, during the period of imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per reports received from Ministry of Surface Transport and other sources, about 9.37 lakh tonnes sugar has been imported by various private parties. The rate/value of sugar imported by private parties under Open General Licence is not available with the Government. As regards Public Sector, State Trading Corporation of India Limited and Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation Ltd. have also imported about 9.77 lakh tonnes of sugar at an average CIF rate of about US $ 387 per metric tonne.

(b) As per available information a statement showing the names of private parties together with the quantity of sugar imported by them under Open General Licence is annexed, (*See* below). The details regarding rate, country of origin etc. are not available with the Government.

(c) The London Daily Price of sugar was US $ 340 per tonne FOB on 15th March, 1994 when Government announced its decision to put import of sugar under Open General Licence. However, the sugar prices thereafter fluctuated